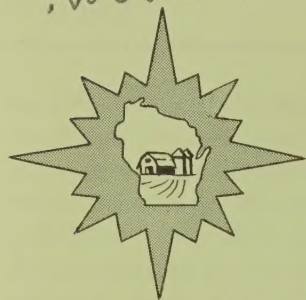


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Cream of the News

Wisconsin's milk production in May was up 3 percent from a year earlier as output per cow achieved a record of 1,025 pounds.

The wholesale price of 40 pound block cheddar cheese declined slightly from April to May but prices of Swiss cheese and butter remained unchanged.

Red meat production in Wisconsin's commercial slaughter plants during April was down 3½ percent from last year as a decline in pork output offset an increase in beef production.

Prices received by Wisconsin farmers for all milk sold in May had a seasonal decline of 6 cents a hundredweight from a month earlier.

Butter production in Wisconsin during 1971 increased for the first time since 1967 while total cheese production was a record level for the 9th straight year.

The Nation's stocks of meat in cold storage on May 31 were 11 percent below the previous year as beef stocks declined 3 percent and pork supplies were down 23 percent.

Higher prices for meat animals contributed to a 24 point gain in the prices received index for Wisconsin farm products at mid-May compared with a year earlier.

Butter stocks in the Nation's cold storage facilities at the end of May were 24 percent under a year earlier but cheese stocks were up 4 percent.

The latest round of Brucellosis Ring Tests for the period ending in April 1972 showed about 2,100 fewer herds tested than for the period ending in March 1971.

Production of mink pelts in Wisconsin and the Nation during 1971 was substantially lower than in 1970.

Prices of barrows and gilts at the St. Paul market during May averaged almost \$8.00 a hundredweight above last year.

Hogs and pigs on the Nation's farms June 1 were 7 percent below a year earlier.

MAY MILK PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT FROM YEAR AGO

Wisconsin's dairy herds produced 1,922 million pounds of milk during May, an increase of 3 percent from a year ago. Production in the first five months of 1972 was also up 3 percent from the comparable period of 1971.

Milk production in May was the highest for that month since 1965. Output increased seasonally 9 percent from April to May compared with a 10 percent gain for those months last year. Production per cow achieved a record of 1,025 pounds in May, an increase of 15 pounds from May 1971. Milk cow numbers also continued to increase during May. The 1,875,000 milk cows on Wisconsin farms for May were the most since September 1968.

Nationally, milk production in May was up 1 percent from the previous year. Production per cow for May showed a gain of 2 percent but the number of milk cows on the Nation's farms was down 1 percent.

Milk Production

Selected States	May 1971	May 1972	Jan.-May 1972	Change from last year	
				May	Jan.-May
	Million pounds			Percent	
Wisconsin	1,871	1,922	8,430	+ 3	+ 3
Minnesota	977	968	4,524	- 1	- 1
Iowa	445	431	1,951	- 3	- 1
New York	985	984	4,482	n. c.	n. c.
Pennsylvania . .	654	658	3,072	+ 1	+ 2
California	862	905	4,146	+ 5	+ 5
Other states . . .	5,395	5,439	24,778	+ 1	+ 2
United States . .	11,189	11,307	51,383	+ 1	+ 2

BUTTER STOCKS LOWER BUT CHEESE STOCKS UP

Butter stocks in cold storage in the Nation at the end of May were down 24 percent from a year earlier but cheese stocks increased 4 percent. About 158½ million pounds of butter were in cold storage on May 31, a decline of 51 million pounds from that date in 1971. Government stocks of butter amounted to about 123½ million pounds, 30 percent under the previous year.

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Total cheese in cold storage at the end of May was nearly 349½ million pounds, a gain of 12 million pounds from a year ago. Stocks of American cheese were up 4 percent from May 31 last year. Swiss cheese in cold storage was down a fourth but all other cheese increased 6 percent. The Government had only 435,000 pounds of American cheese in cold storage at the end of May compared with 1,726,000 pounds a year earlier.

Cold Storage Stocks of Butter and Cheese

Commodity	May 31, 1970	May 31, 1971	May 31, 1972	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
	UNITED STATES			
Butter	146,655	209,786	158,655	- 24
Cheese, American	281,548	268,823	280,350	+ 4
Cheese, Swiss	10,097	11,248	8,462	- 25
Cheese, all other	44,697	57,306	60,591	+ 6
Cheese, total	336,342	337,377	349,403	+ 4
	WISCONSIN			
Butter	8,061	9,245	1/	-
Cheese, American	163,784	158,634	1/	-
	GOVERNMENT STOCKS*			
Butter	107,212	176,312	123,637	- 30
Cheese, American	414	1,726	435	- 75

1/Not available. *Included in above totals.

Manufacturers' Stocks of Other Dairy Products United States

Commodity	April 30, 1970	April 30, 1971	April 30, 1972	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
Dried whole milk	5,145	5,611	5,155	- 8
Dried skim milk	98,685	101,682	74,531	- 27
Dried buttermilk	10,018	7,529	4,776	- 37
Condensed milk and evaporated milk (case goods) 1/ ..	79,609	51,247	77,026	+ 50

1/Combined to avoid disclosing individual plant operations.

MILK PRICES DOWN SEASONALLY IN MAY

Wisconsin farmers are expected to receive \$5.36 a hundredweight for all milk produced in May, down 6 cents from April but 16 cents above May 1971. A year ago milk prices also declined 6 cents from April to May.

All milk sold in April returned an average of \$5.42 a hundredweight, 8 cents under March but 16 cents more than

a year earlier. Milkfat content for April averaged 3.71 percent compared with 3.70 percent in April last year.

Grade A milk producers received \$5.60 a hundredweight for April, a decline of 7 cents from March but 13 cents above April a year ago. Manufacturing grade milk averaged \$5.20 a hundredweight during April, 9 cents below the previous month but 18 cents higher than April 1971. The spread between market and manufacturing grade milk was 40 cents in April compared with 45 cents for that month last year.

Milk Prices 1/

Selected States	March 1972		April price per cwt.			May 1972 price per cwt. 2/
	Average test	Price per cwt.	1971	1972	72/71 change	
	Percent	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent	Dollars
Milk for all uses						
Wisconsin	3.73	5.50	5.26	5.42	+ 3	5.36
Minnesota	3.59	5.12	4.89	5.11	+ 4	5.05
Iowa	3.72	5.41	5.15	5.30	+ 3	5.22
New York	3.66	6.05	5.80	5.75	- 1	5.60
California	3.70	5.60	5.25	5.50	+ 5	5.30
United States	3.71	6.01	5.71	5.84	+ 2	5.71
Wisconsin utilization						
Market milk	3.74	5.67	5.47	5.60	+ 2	xxx
Manufacturing milk	3.71	5.29	5.02	5.20	+ 4	xxx
Creameries	3.68	5.17	4.94	5.14	+ 4	xxx
Cheese factories	3.71	5.31	5.03	5.21	+ 4	xxx
Varied prod. plants	3.69	5.20	5.00	5.16	+ 3	xxx

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. They differ from basic buying prices which are for 3.5% milk. 2/Based on preliminary information for milk of average test.

Wisconsin 3.5 Test Milk Prices 1/

Utilization	April 1971	March 1972	April 1972 2/	Change from last year
	Dollars per cwt.			Percent
Milk for all uses	4.98	5.16	5.10	+ 2
Market milk	5.16	5.31	5.25	+ 2
Manufacturing milk	4.77	4.99	4.93	+ 3
Creameries	4.71	4.92	4.91	+ 4
American cheese plants	4.77	5.01	4.92	+ 3
Varied products plants	4.74	4.93	4.91	+ 4
Federal Order Markets				
Chicago Regional Base Zone 3/ ..	5.43	5.62	5.54	+ 2

1/Computed equivalents. 2/Preliminary. 3/Includes Milwaukee County, Wisconsin and Winnebago County, Illinois.

NATION'S BUTTER PRODUCTION LOWER BUT CHEESE OUTPUT UP

The Nation's butter production of 110¼ million pounds in April was down 2 percent from a year earlier but total cheese output increased 7 percent. Wisconsin creameries churned 4 percent more butter in April than a year ago. However, butter production for both Minnesota and Iowa during April was 7 percent under the previous year. All other states showed a decline of 2 percent in butter production from April last year.

Production of all cheese in the Nation during April was up 10 percent from a year earlier. Increases by varieties were Brick and Muenster 21 percent, American 12 percent, Swiss 9 percent, Italian 4 percent, Limburger 2 percent, and all other cheese 9 percent.

Wisconsin's production of American cheese in April was 10 percent greater than the previous year. Minnesota manufactured 21 percent more American cheese in April than a year ago. Missouri's output of American cheese for April was up 4 percent while all other states showed a gain of 13 percent.

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Production of cottage cheese curd in the Nation during April was down 2 percent from a year earlier and output of creamed cottage cheese declined 3 percent. This was the first time that cottage cheese production was under the previous year since June 1971.

Current Dairy Products Estimates

Item and area	April 1971	April 1972	Jan.- April 1972	Change from last year	
				April	Jan.-April
	1,000 pounds			Percent	
BUTTER					
Wisconsin	19,750	20,450	74,350	+ 4	n. c.
Minnesota	28,900	27,000	103,000	- 7	- 7
Iowa	8,650	8,050	31,620	- 7	- 5
Other states	55,695	54,750	208,920	- 2	+ 1
United States	112,995	110,250	417,890	- 2	- 2
CHEESE, AMERICAN					
Wisconsin	61,800	68,200	249,000	+ 10	+ 12
Minnesota	14,900	18,040	68,170	+ 21	+ 23
Missouri	8,400	8,700	25,980	+ 4	+ 6
Other states	52,180	58,950	205,300	+ 13	+ 14
United States	137,280	153,890	548,450	+ 12	+ 14
CHEESE, MISCELLANEOUS					
United States					
Swiss	13,330	14,585	56,700	+ 9	+ 18
Brick and Muenster . . .	5,170	6,255	23,855	+ 21	+ 18
Limburger	205	210	880	+ 2	- 2
Italian	39,980	41,585	165,195	+ 4	+ 11
All other	14,315	15,570	64,170	+ 9	+ 4
Total	73,000	78,205	310,800	+ 7	+ 11
ALL CHEESE					
United States	210,280	232,095	859,250	+ 10	+ 13
OTHER PRODUCTS					
Cottage Cheese					
United States					
Curd 1/	66,045	65,030	266,200	- 2	+ 3
Creamed 2/	90,470	87,370	355,015	- 3	+ 2
	1,000 gallons			Percent	
Ice Cream					
Wisconsin	1,550	1,460	5,925	- 6	- 3
Illinois	3,540	3,500	12,020	- 1	- 5
Iowa	665	615	2,480	- 8	+ 5
Michigan	3,020	2,850	11,210	- 6	+ 1
Minnesota	2,395	2,250	8,960	- 6	+ 2
Other states	53,545	51,720	197,960	- 3	+ 2
United States	64,715	62,395	238,555	- 4	+ 1

1/Includes cottage, pot, and bakers' cheese with a milkfat content of less than 4 percent. 2/Includes cheese with a milkfat content of 4 to 19 percent.

WHOLESALE PRICES FOR SWISS CHEESE AND BUTTER UNCHANGED

Wholesale prices of Swiss cheese and butter remained the same from April to May but the cheddar cheese price declined slightly. Butter, 92-score at New York, averaged 68¾ cents a pound for May, equal to April and nearly the same as May 1971.

Swiss cheese, Wisconsin State Brand, averaged 72½ cents a pound in May, up 8 cents from a year earlier. The 40 pound block cheddar cheese average at Wisconsin primary markets was 57¾ cents a pound for May compared with almost 58

Wholesale Dairy Prices

Commodity	May 1971	April 1972	May 1972 1/
Butter, 92-score, New York, pound	68.72¢	68.75¢	68.75¢
Cheese, Cheddars, Wisconsin primary markets, 40 lb. blocks, pound 2/	56.09¢	57.94¢	57.75¢
Cheese, Swiss, Wisconsin State Brand, block pound 2/	64.50¢	72.50¢	72.50¢
Evaporated milk, North Central States, case, 48-14½ oz. cans, range	\$7.70-8.77	\$7.70-9.10	\$ — — —
Nonfat dry milk solids, spray, Chicago area, pound	31.57¢	31.46¢	31.36¢

1/Preliminary estimates. 2/Selling prices, f.o.b. at Wisconsin assembly points.

cents in the previous month. Wholesale prices of cheddar cheese averaged 56.09 cents a pound in May 1971.

1971 MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

Butter production in Wisconsin dairy plants during 1971 increased for the first time since 1967, while cheese production was at a record level for the 9th consecutive year.

Wisconsin creameries churned 204 million pounds of butter in 1971, up 2½ percent from 1970. Total cheese production, at 986 million pounds, was up 4 percent from a year earlier. All varieties of cheese showed production gains in 1971 except for Swiss and Limburger. Output of American cheese, which accounted for 68 percent of all cheese, was 3 percent greater in 1971 than in 1970.

Wisconsin cheese factories made over 671 million pounds of American cheese in 1971. The production of cheddar was up 2 percent and other types increased 11 percent.

Swiss cheese production declined 8 percent in 1971 from the previous year. Output of Muenster cheese amounted to 32 million pounds, 16 percent more than in 1970 and a record high. Brick cheese production, at 13½ million pounds, was up 3 percent in 1971.

Manufactured Dairy Products, Wisconsin, 1970-71

Product	Unit	1970	1971 1/	Change from last year
		Thousands		Percent
Creamery butter (including whey butter) . .	Lb.	198,832	202,320	+ 2
Cheese				
American	Lb.	652,340	671,417	+ 3
Cheddar	Lb.	569,850	579,722	+ 2
Other types 2/	Lb.	82,490	91,695	+ 11
Swiss (drum and block)	Lb.	38,201	35,312	- 8
Muenster	Lb.	27,628	32,078	+ 16
Brick	Lb.	13,170	13,506	+ 3
Brick and Muenster Total	Lb.	40,798	45,584	+ 12
Limburger	Lb.	1,190	1,097	- 8
Italian	Lb.	154,343	165,566	+ 7
All other cheese (excluding cottage cheese)	Lb.	60,719	67,393	+ 11
Total cheese (excluding cottage cheese) . .	Lb.	947,591	986,369	+ 4
Condensed and powdered products				
Sweetened condensed whole milk, (bulk goods)	Lb.	24,914	31,174	+ 25
Unsweetened condensed whole milk, (bulk goods)	Lb.	28,931	26,911	- 7
Evaporated whole milk unsweetened, (case goods)	Lb.	3/	3/	xxx
Total condensed whole milk	Lb.	53,845	58,085	+ 8
Condensed skim milk (bulk goods)				
Sweetened	Lb.	50,266	42,227	- 16
Unsweetened	Lb.	153,766	184,122	+ 20
Total sweetened and unsweetened skim milk	Lb.	204,032	226,349	+ 11
Condensed whey	Lb.	151,553	190,873	+ 26
Dried skim milk for human use				
Spray process	Lb.	186,677	181,100	- 3
Roller process	Lb.	-	-	-
Total spray and roller	Lb.	186,677	181,100	- 3
Dried skim milk for animal feed	Lb.	860	842	- 2
Dried whole milk	Lb.	3,909	4,637	+ 19
Dried buttermilk	Lb.	12,459	9,350	- 25
Dried whey	Lb.	292,981	332,884	+ 14
Malted milk powder	Lb.	19,368	17,649	- 9
Other products				
Ice cream	Gal.	21,411	20,010	- 7
Ice milk	Gal.	6,207	5,052	- 19
Cottage cheese curd	Lb.	39,437	39,971	+ 1
Cottage cheese creamed	Lb.	54,020	54,236	n. c.

1/Preliminary. 2/Includes Colby, Jack, Monterey and Granular. 3/Production not shown when less than 3 plants reported or individual plant operations might be disclosed.

Production of Italian cheese during 1971 reached another high. A total of 165½ million pounds of Italian cheese were produced in 1971, 7 percent more than in 1970. Output of Limburger cheese declined 8 percent from 1970 to 1971 but production of all other cheese increased 11 percent.

Total condensed whole milk made in 1971 was 8 percent above the previous year. Sweetened and unsweetened condensed skim milk production rose 11 percent from 1970 to 1971 while condensed whey was up 26 percent.

Output of dried skim milk for human use during 1971 was down 3 percent from a year earlier and dried buttermilk production declined 25 percent. Production of dried whole milk in 1971 was up 19 percent from 1970 and dried whey increased 14 percent.

Dairy plants in Wisconsin produced 7 percent less ice cream during 1971 than in the previous year. Ice milk production was down 19 percent and output of malted milk powder declined 9 percent. Production of cottage cheese curd in 1971 was up 1 percent from 1970 but output of creamed cottage cheese showed little change.

NATION'S BUTTER OUTPUT TO CONTINUE LOWER

Based on weekly receipts of milk by dairy plants, the Nation's production of butter in May will continue under a year earlier. The National butter output for May is expected to be 2 percent below last year. This is the same decline as shown in the first four months of 1972. Wisconsin's butter production for May could show an increase after being about equal to a year ago from January through April.

American cheese production in Wisconsin and the Nation during May will remain above the previous year but the increase will not be as large as in the first four months of 1972.

Recent Changes in Butter and Cheese Output

Periods	Butter			American Cheese		
	United States		Wisconsin	United States		Wisconsin
	Production 1972	Change from last year	Change from last year	Production 1972	Change from last year	Change from last year
	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent
April	110,250	- 2	+ 4	153,890	+ 12	+ 10
Jan.-April . .	417,890	- 2	n. c.	548,450	+ 14	+ 12
Weeks ending						
May 4 . . .	25,500	- 2	+ 4	37,500	+ 9	+ 6
May 11 . .	25,800	- 3	+ 6	37,900	+ 9	+ 6
May 18 . .	26,700	+ 1	+ 6	38,900	+ 9	+ 5
May 25 . .	26,800	- 3	- 4	40,100	+ 8	+ 5
June 1 . .	28,000	- 2	+ 5	41,200	+ 8	+ 7
Total	132,800	- 2	xxx	195,600	+ 8	xxx

MEAT STOCKS DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

The Nation's cold storage stocks of meat at the end of May were 11 percent less than a year earlier. Beef stocks were down 3 percent and pork supplies declined 23 percent.

Total beef in cold storage on May 31 amounted to almost 276 million pounds, a decrease of over 9 million from a year ago and nearly 7 million pounds under the previous month.

The 383 million pounds of pork in cold storage at the end of May were 111½ million pounds less than a year earlier. This was the sixth consecutive month that pork stocks were below the previous year.

Cold Storage Stocks of Meat
United States

Commodity	May 31, 1970	May 31, 1971	April 30, 1972	May 31, 1972	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds				Percent
Beef:					
Frozen	342,870	277,220	272,951	266,387	- 4
In cure and cured	10,227	7,855	9,520	9,345	+ 19
Total	353,097	285,075	282,471	275,732	- 3
Pork:					
Frozen	327,450	471,543	373,702	360,423	- 24
In cooler	23,076	23,254	21,469	22,861	- 2
Total	350,526	494,797	395,171	383,284	- 23
Other meats and meat products:					
Veal, frozen	10,798	9,511	8,533	8,327	- 12
Lamb and mutton, frozen	18,808	22,506	15,714	17,211	- 24
Canned meats in cooler:					
Hams	62,179	66,639	95,329	89,323	+ 34
Other meats	20,431	18,898	20,478	20,768	+ 10
Total, all meats	815,839	897,426	817,696	794,645	- 11

RED MEAT SUPPLY DOWN IN APRIL

Production of red meat in Wisconsin's commercial slaughter plants totaled almost 95 million pounds during April, 12 percent less than March and 3½ percent below April a year ago. Output of beef in April was up 13 percent but pork production declined 18 percent.

Cattle slaughter for April amounted to 82,000 head, up 8,000 from the previous year. Average liveweight of cattle, at 1,139 pounds in April, was 25 pounds heavier than April last year.

The 293,000 hogs slaughtered in April were 61,000 fewer than a year ago. Hog liveweight averaged 236 pounds for April, 1 pound lighter than last year.

Calf slaughter continued to decline. Only 19,300 calves were slaughtered in April compared with 21,800 a year earlier. The average liveweight of 175 pounds for calves killed in April was 31 pounds more than the previous year and the heaviest on record. A total of 200 sheep and lambs were butchered during April, 100 more than April 1971.

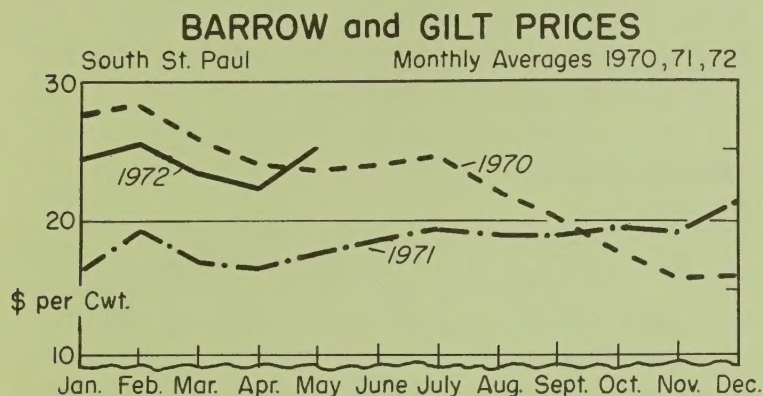
Commercial Livestock Slaughter

Area	Number			Liveweight	
	April		Change from last year	April	
	1971	1972		1971	1972
	1,000 head		Percent	Million pounds	
Cattle					
Wisconsin	74.0	82.0	+ 11	82.4	93.4
United States 1/ ..	2,888.5	2,763.4	- 4	2,979.1	2,875.9
Calves					
Wisconsin	21.8	19.3	- 11	3.1	3.4
United States 1/ ..	321.4	239.1	- 26	77.8	59.4
Hogs					
Wisconsin	354.0	293.0	- 17	83.9	69.1
United States 1/ ..	8,457.6	7,256.1	- 14	2,008.7	1,723.9
Sheep and lambs					
Wisconsin1	.2	+ 100	.009	.019
United States 1/ ..	951.5	821.5	- 14	99.1	87.7

1/Excludes Alaska and Hawaii.

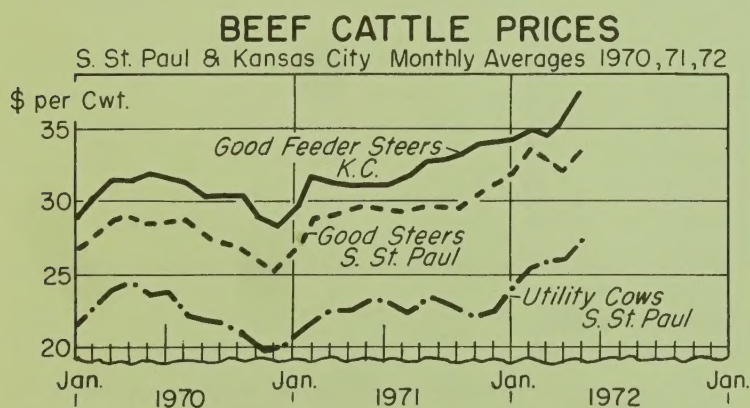
BARROW AND GILT PRICES HIGHER

Prices of barrow and gilts at the St. Paul market averaged \$25.40 a hundredweight during May, an increase of \$2.56 from April and almost \$8.00 more than May last year. The May average was just 20 cents a hundredweight under the high for 1972 of \$25.60 in February. Barrow and gilt prices during May increased about \$2.00 a hundredweight from the beginning to the end of the month.



BEEF CATTLE PRICES UP

Prices of good grade steers at the St. Paul market averaged \$33.33 a hundredweight for May, a gain of \$1.25 from the previous month and \$3.54 above May 1971. Utility cows at St. Paul averaged \$27.14 a hundredweight in May, up \$1.03 from April and \$3.79 more than a year earlier. Prices of good grade feeder steers at the Kansas City market averaged \$37.42 during May, an increase of \$2.22 from April and \$6.14 higher than May last year.



BRT DAIRY HERDS TESTED CONTINUE TO DECLINE

The latest round of Brucellosis Ring Tests for the period ending in April 1972 showed 57,239 patron samples tested, about 2,100 fewer than in the period ending March 1971. This represented a decline of 3½ percent in the number of dairy herds tested by BRT laboratories. The southeast district of the State had the largest decline, nearly 6 percent. From April 1969 to April 1972, the number of dairy herds tested were down 11 percent.

BRT Dairy Herds: Number by Counties, Wisconsin
Selected Test Periods, 1970, 1971, 1972

County	Test Period Ended March 1970	Test Period Ended March 1971	Test Period Ended April 1972	1972 as Percent of 1971
	No. Herds	No. Herds	No. Herds	
Barron	1,683	1,631	1,600	
Bayfield	344	317	295	
Burnett	338	316	302	
Chippewa	1,540	1,498	1,468	
Douglas	144	136	120	
Polk	1,261	1,244	1,212	
Rusk	761	730	716	
Sawyer	183	168	163	
Washburn	273	263	257	
N. W. District	6,527	6,303	6,133	97.3
Ashland	252	234	216	
Clark	2,289	2,244	2,150	
Iron	40	31	31	
Lincoln	490	468	453	
Marathon	2,960	2,911	2,818	
Oneida	25	22	22	
Price	585	554	529	
Taylor	1,191	1,136	1,117	
Vilas	9	4	3	
N. District	7,841	7,604	7,339	96.5
Florence	52	50	44	
Forest	84	73	76	
Langlade	463	448	428	
Marinette	566	545	535	
Menominee	2	2	2	
Oconto	1,112	1,091	1,062	
Shawano	1,644	1,610	1,543	
N. E. District	3,923	3,819	3,690	96.6
Buffalo	856	823	800	
Dunn	1,368	1,328	1,272	
Eau Claire	761	734	714	
Jackson	629	601	582	
La Crosse	633	615	589	
Monroe	1,304	1,266	1,221	
Pepin	356	346	329	
Pierce	944	903	846	
St. Croix	1,083	1,060	1,017	
Trempealeau	1,274	1,230	1,196	
W. District	9,208	8,906	8,566	96.2
Adams	168	159	153	
Green Lake	476	461	449	
Juneau	515	499	473	
Marquette	274	260	253	
Portage	830	781	743	
Waupaca	1,191	1,170	1,143	
Waushara	489	482	436	
Wood	993	944	907	
C. District	4,936	4,756	4,557	95.8
Brown	1,262	1,214	1,180	
Calumet	931	915	898	
Door	717	694	671	
Fond du Lac	1,542	1,517	1,488	
Kewaunee	1,063	1,028	1,004	
Manitowoc	1,451	1,416	1,384	
Outagamie	1,325	1,309	1,259	
Sheboygan	1,028	998	926	
Winnebago	776	760	724	
E. District	10,095	9,851	9,534	96.8
Crawford	802	775	743	
Grant	1,776	1,715	1,661	
Iowa	1,072	1,038	1,012	
Lafayette	1,102	1,063	1,019	
Richland	1,054	1,023	966	
Sauk	1,156	1,101	1,060	
Vernon	1,811	1,761	1,694	
S. W. District	8,773	8,476	8,155	96.2
Columbia	727	706	686	
Dane	1,757	1,688	1,613	
Dodge	1,886	1,815	1,776	
Green	1,252	1,234	1,206	
Jefferson	984	922	897	
Rock	782	760	721	
S. District	7,388	7,125	6,899	96.8
Kenosha	227	218	211	
Milwaukee	17	15	15	
Ozaukee	329	306	278	
Racine	239	238	232	
Walworth	638	607	581	
Washington	781	744	691	
Waukesha	404	384	358	
S. E. District	2,635	2,512	2,366	94.2
State	61,326	59,352	57,239	96.4

HOG INVENTORY DOWN SHARPLY

Wisconsin farmers had 1,450,000 hogs and pigs June 1, down 19 percent from a year ago. Market hogs, estimated at 1,189,000, were 20 percent below the previous year. Breeding hogs totaled 261,000, a decline of 14 percent from June 1971.

A total of 122,000 sows farrowed from March through May, a drop of 18 percent from the second quarter last year. Pigs per litter averaged 7.40, slightly below the 7.57 realized in 1971. The pig crop of 903,000 was 20 percent under a year earlier.

Wisconsin hog producers plan only a slight decline in expected sow farrowings during the June-August quarter. Intentions are to farrow 101,000 sows, 97 percent of actual farrowings a year earlier. Farrowing intentions for the September

through November quarter indicate 105,000 sows, a decline of 14 percent.

Hogs and pigs on farms in the 10 Corn Belt States on June 1 totaled 46,057,000, a decline of 5 percent from the previous year. Breeding stock was down 4 percent, and market hogs decreased 5 percent from June 1, 1971.

There were 3,083,000 sows farrowing in the 10 Corn Belt States during March through May, 7 percent below that quarter a year ago.

Corn Belt farmers plan to reduce farrowings 4 percent from a year ago during the June through August quarter. Farrowing intentions for the September through November quarter indicate a decline of 2 percent from that period in 1971.

**All Hogs and Pigs on Farms, Breeding and Market
June 1, 1971 and 1972, 10 States**

State	For breeding			Market			Total hogs and pigs		
	1971	1972	Change from last year	1971	1972	Change from last year	1971	1972	Change from last year
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Ohio	369	345	- 7	2,173	2,121	- 2	2,542	2,466	- 3
Indiana	692	650	- 6	4,288	4,350	+ 1	4,980	5,000	n. c.
Illinois	991	1,112	+ 12	6,090	6,063	n. c.	7,081	7,175	+ 1
Wisconsin	303	261	- 14	1,480	1,189	- 20	1,783	1,450	- 19
Minnesota	598	549	- 8	3,258	2,883	- 12	3,856	3,432	- 11
Iowa	2,258	2,160	- 4	13,315	12,740	- 4	15,573	14,900	- 4
Missouri	729	680	- 7	3,826	3,720	- 3	4,555	4,400	- 3
South Dakota	313	241	- 23	2,095	1,613	- 23	2,408	1,854	- 23
Nebraska	535	495	- 7	3,033	2,805	- 8	3,568	3,300	- 8
Kansas	273	291	+ 7	1,827	1,789	- 2	2,100	2,080	- 1
Total 10 States	7,061	6,784	- 4	41,385	39,273	- 5	48,446	46,057	- 5

Sows to Farrow, June through November, 10 States

State	June through August			September through November		
	1971	1972 1/	Change from last year	1971	1972 1/	Change from last year
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Ohio	142	125	- 12	135	130	- 4
Indiana	244	235	- 4	210	215	+ 2
Illinois	395	415	+ 5	375	410	+ 9
Wisconsin	104	101	- 3	122	105	- 14
Minnesota	198	190	- 4	172	170	- 1
Iowa	647	602	- 7	714	680	- 5
Missouri	270	250	- 7	281	265	- 6
South Dakota	77	65	- 16	98	85	- 13
Nebraska	165	157	- 5	194	184	- 5
Kansas	88	90	+ 2	119	124	+ 4
Total 10 States	2,330	2,230	- 4	2,420	2,368	- 2

1/Number indicated by breeding intentions reports.

**Sows Farrowing, Pigs per Litter and Pig Crop
March through May, 1971 and 1972, 10 States**

State	Sows farrowing			Pigs per litter		Pig crop 1/		
	1971	1972	Change from last year	1971	1972	1971	1972	Change from last year
	1,000 head		Percent	Head		1,000 head		Percent
Ohio	147	139	- 5	7.10	7.30	1,044	1,015	- 3
Indiana	264	256	- 3	7.54	7.33	1,991	1,876	- 6
Illinois	489	495	+ 1	7.05	7.10	3,447	3,515	+ 2
Wisconsin	149	122	- 18	7.57	7.40	1,128	903	- 20
Minnesota	271	236	- 13	7.45	7.55	2,019	1,782	- 12
Iowa	1,123	1,044	- 7	7.10	7.30	7,973	7,621	- 4
Missouri	317	285	- 10	7.31	7.22	2,317	2,058	- 11
South Dakota	190	141	- 26	7.30	7.25	1,387	1,022	- 26
Nebraska	252	240	- 5	7.35	7.20	1,852	1,728	- 7
Kansas	122	125	+ 2	7.73	7.87	943	984	+ 4
Total 10 States	3,324	3,083	- 7	7.25	7.30	24,101	22,504	- 7

1/Number of pigs born March through May that were on hand June 1 or had been sold.

PRICES RECEIVED INDEX HIGHER IN MAY

The index of prices received for Wisconsin farm products averaged 361 percent of the 1910-14 base as of May 15, an increase of 5 points (1 percent) from a month earlier and 24 points (7 percent) above last year. Higher prices for meat animals and some crops offset a decline for milk and poultry.

Hog prices averaged \$25.20 a hundredweight at mid-May, up \$2.70 from the previous month and \$7.40 above a year ago. This was the highest monthly price for hogs since March 1970.

Steers and heifers averaged \$32.50 a hundredweight for May, a gain of \$2.00 from April and \$4.00 more than May 1971. Slaughter cows, at \$25.00 a hundredweight on May 15, were \$1.50 above the previous month and \$3.60 higher than last year.

Calf prices reached another new high. Calves averaged \$47.50 a hundredweight for mid-May, an increase of \$1.00 from April and \$6.50 above a year ago.

Sheep averaged \$5.90 a hundredweight for May, the same as April but 10 cents under May 1971. Lambs, at \$29.00 a hundredweight, were up \$2.00 from mid-April and \$1.50 higher than May a year earlier. The May 15 wool price of 40 cents a pound was 16 cents above a year ago and the highest since December 1966.

Egg prices averaged only 22 cents a dozen as of mid-May, 2 cents below last year and the lowest egg price since June 1959. Turkeys, at 20 cents a pound liveweight for May, were down 1 cent from April but unchanged from May 1971.

Corn prices averaged \$1.17 a bushel on May 15, 26 cents below last year but the same as two years ago. Oats increased 1 cent a bushel from April to May but at 71 cents a bushel for mid-May was 3 cents lower than the previous year. Soybeans averaged \$3.30 a bushel in May, 5 cents under a month earlier but 55 cents above a year ago.

Prices Received by Wisconsin Farmers

Commodity	Unit	May 1970	May 1971	April 1972	May 1972
Dollars					
Milk cows	Head	370.00	400.00	425.00	430.00
Steers and heifers	Cwt.	27.30	28.50	30.50	32.50
Cows	Cwt.	22.10	21.40	23.50	25.00
Calves	Cwt.	40.60	41.00	46.50	47.50
Hogs	Cwt.	23.30	17.80	22.50	25.20
Sheep	Cwt.	6.20	6.00	5.90	5.90
Lambs	Cwt.	26.20	27.50	27.00	29.00
Wool	Lb.	.36	.24	.34	.40
Chickens 1/	Lb.	.075	.085	.090	.085
Turkeys	Lb.	.260	.200	.210	.200
Eggs	Doz.	.260	.240	.230	.220
Corn	Bu.	1.17	1.43	1.15	1.17
Oats	Bu.	.68	.74	.70	.71
Soybeans	Bu.	2.50	2.75	3.35	3.30
Alfalfa hay, baled	Ton	19.50	22.00	23.00	23.00

1/Excludes broilers.

MINK PRODUCTION KEEPS DECLINING

The number of mink pelts produced in the Nation during 1971 totaled 3,380,000, a decline of 25 percent from 1970. From 1969 to 1971, production of mink pelts in the Nation was down 41 percent. There were 27 percent fewer mink

ranches in 1971 than a year earlier. The number of females bred to produce kits in 1972 was 15 percent less than in the previous year.

Wisconsin, the leading mink producing state, was down 27 percent in pelt production from 1970 to 1971. The number of mink ranches in Wisconsin for 1971 declined 26 percent from a year earlier. Wisconsin mink raisers had 12 percent fewer females bred to produce kits in 1972 than in 1971.

Mink Production

State	Ranches Producing Pelts		Pelts Produced		Females Bred	
	1971	1970	1971	1970	1972	1971
	Number		1,000		1,000	
Wisconsin	366	497	974	1,340	241	275
Minnesota	193	290	459	610	119	137
Utah	261	308	340	396	94.5	108
Washington	91	109	195	255	40	52.5
Ohio	69	99	169	210	36	57.5
Oregon	62	91	155	197	36	46.0
Illinois	44	64	143	204	39	43.5
Michigan	53	82	135	180	34.5	36.5
New York	65	90	129	177	32.5	35.5
Pennsylvania	68	106	123	159	38	40.5
Idaho	49	58	119	139	35	38.5
Iowa	71	89	113	132	33	35.5
South Dakota	16	28	61	79.5	16.5	18.5
Indiana	22	32	36.5	46	8.5	10.5
Massachusetts	24	45	35.5	67	6.7	13.5
All other states	161	239	193	340	47.5	62.5
United States	1,615	2,227	3,380	4,532	858	1,011

STATE'S CHERRY CROP EXPECTED TO BE DOWN

Wisconsin's tart cherry crop for 1972 is forecast at 5,000 tons, down 3,000 from 1971 but above the production for 1969 and 1970. Bloom conditions were good for this year's cherry crop but the winter had taken a toll on some of the orchards. Those trees that survived the winter should have a good crop.

The 1972 tart cherry crop in the Great Lake States is forecast at 148,700 tons, up 18 percent from 1971. Michigan, the leading cherry producing State, expects an increase of 29 percent. Losses from winter injury and frost during bloom were very light. New York's crop is forecast at 20,000 tons, 2 percent below last season. A cherry crop of 8,000 tons is expected in Pennsylvania, up 5 percent from a year ago. Ohio's 1972 cherry output should total about 700 ton compared with 500 tons in 1971.

Tart Cherries

State	Production		
	1970	1971	1972 Ind.
	Tons		
New York	18,200	20,500	20,000
Pennsylvania	8,090	7,600	8,000
Ohio	1,000	500	700
Michigan	79,000	89,000	115,000
Wisconsin	3,490	8,350	5,000
5 Great Lakes States	109,780	125,950	148,700
Western States 1/ 2/	8,860	13,310	4,400
Total	118,640	139,260	153,100

1/Idaho, Colorado, Utah, and Oregon for 1970. Excludes Idaho and Washington for 1971. 2/June 1 forecast.

JUNE CROP REPORT

Some farmers were done haying by the middle of June but others had just started. Slightly over a third of the first crop hay was made in the State by mid-June. The crop was shorter than normal because of severe winterkill and dry spring weather. Quality of the hay was very good during early June but suffered in the high humidities and showers during June 10-14. These rains though helped give second crop a boost where the first crop was removed.

Frost hit many corn fields on the weekend of June 10 and 11. The taller corn appears to have been affected the most but the crop should recover as the growing points of the plants remained healthy. Some corn was replanted where frost damage was severe. Prior to the frost, early corn had been developing well. Late planted corn had problems germinating during the dry weather but the good rains received in many areas from June 10-14 was beneficial for corn growth. The average height of corn in the State as of mid-June was 7 inches, the same as a year ago.

Dry weather and damage from atrazine carryover were hurting the initial development of the 1972 oat crop. The moisture received during June 10-14 was very much needed. Early planted oats were heading out by mid-June in the central and southeastern areas of Wisconsin but progress was behind last year.

Pastures were below normal most of the spring because of insufficient moisture. Pastures and soybeans improved after the rains. Tobacco planting was going good in the first half of

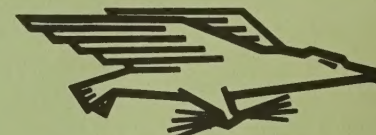
June. The pea harvest was underway by the middle of June but yields on early peas were hurt by hot dry weather in May. Gardens and commercial vegetable crops were damaged by the frost. Cherries were sizing good and picking of strawberries had begun by June 15.

Weather Summary, May, 1972

Station	Temperature				Precipitation		
	Low	High	Mean	Normal	For month	Normal	Accumulative departure since Jan. 1
Amery	35	88	60	56	1.40	3.55	- 3.12
Superior	30	77	46	50	3.31	3.84	- 1.01
Spooner	29	86	59	55	1.33	3.37	- 3.67
Park Falls	31	87	59	53	2.24	3.52	- 1.20
Rhineland	30	88	59	54	2.13	3.50	- .26
Medford	31	86	58	54	1.44	4.03	- 2.75
Marinette	31	92	60	55	1.03	3.09	- .29
Antigo	29	88	58	55	1.50	3.50	- 1.50
River Falls	34	88	61	57	1.98	3.84	- 3.31
La Crosse	36	93	63	59	1.83	3.76	- 3.86
Hatfield Dam	25	92	59	57	2.22	4.04	- 1.84
Marshfield	32	87	60	55	2.16	3.79	- 1.42
Hancock	32	89	61	57	1.67	3.81	- 4.02
Green Bay	32	90	60	54	.82	3.06	- 3.02
Oshkosh	30	90	60	57	2.02	2.95	- 1.85
Sheboygan	35	87	55	54	2.97	3.12	- 1.66
Manitowoc	34	94	57	54	2.38	2.83	- 2.92
Lancaster	37	88	61	59	2.40	3.85	- 2.58
Darlington	31	89	62	58	3.02	3.69	- 1.42
Hillsboro	32	89	61	57	1.92	3.64	- 4.11
Portage	28	90	60	60	1.74	3.22	- 3.61
Madison	32	89	59	56	2.83	3.34	- 2.38
Beloit	36	89	63	60	4.17	3.59	+ .82
Milwaukee (airport) ..	35	84	55	53	2.33	3.16	- 1.96
Average for 24 stations	32	88	59	56	2.12	3.50	- 2.21

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